February 5, 2010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. ENDO et al. Confirmation No.: 5993

Serial No.: 09/940,982

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For: TAMPER RESISTANCE DEVICE

Group: 2437

Examiner: Z. Davis

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2009, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 5, 2010, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.